the Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 4601-4602/96 ('SAMATHA' Case) had upheld restrictions on the transfer of tribal land. Relevant extracts of the judgement have been circulated to the States for compliance.

Eviction of tribals from forests

†2831. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a plan is being implemented for eviction of tribals from the forests; and

(b) the impediment in accepting the rights of the tribals on the forests whereas forests have been in possession of the tribals for centuries and both are nourishing each other?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):(a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment & Forests have informed that there is no plan to evict tribals from the forest areas. But, encroachment is an offence under Section 26 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and it has to be dealt according to the provisions of the said Act and the State Forests Acts for the time being in force. The Central Government had issued guidelines in 1990 after approval of the Union Cabinet for regularization of pre-1980 eligible encroachments. These guidelines *inter alia* also had a provision to review the cases of disputed claims of tribals over forest lands and examine the genuineness of the claims, for which the State/UT Government should constitute a Committee comprising of a Revenue Officer, concerned Divisional Forest Officer and an official from Tribal Welfare Department.

Scholarships to tribal students in Andhra Pradesh

2832. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the Central funds released to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years for granting pre-matric and post-matric scholarships to the tribal students of the State, year-wise;

(b) the number of tribal students benefited therefrom giving separate data for pre and post-matric scholarships, district-wise; and

(c) the number of tribal students in the State who joined college education after availing the post-matric scholarships?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):(a) Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing a scheme of Post Matric Scholarships for STs. The grants-in-aid released by the Ministry under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarships for STs to the state Government of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years is as under :—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

2000-01	2001-02	2002-2003
1577.74	1915.09	774.88

(b) The number of ST students benefited, Distt.-wise under the scheme of Post Matric Scholarship during the last three years is given in the statement enclosed (*See* below)

(c) Post Matric Scholarship is not provided in advance to the students before their enrolement. It is provided to students who are already pursuing their studies in recognized institutions for recognized post matriculation courses subject to the terms and conditions of the scheme.

Statement

The Number of students benefited under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for STs in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years

Sl. No.	Name of the Distt.	2000-2001 (Actual beneficiaries)	2001-2002 (Actual beneficiaries)	2002-2003 (Anticipated beneficiaries)
1.	Srikakulam	1236	1833	2016
2.	Vizianagram	1478	2052	2275
3.	Vishakhapatnam	7582	6938	7632
4.	East Godavari	2568	2633	2896
5.	West Godavari	1771	1950	2145
6.	Krishna	1356	1593	1752
7.	Guntur	1317	1560	1716
8.	Parkasham	1063	1341	1475
9.	Neelore	1273	1523	1675
10.	Chittor	1291	1538	1692
11.	Cuddpah	741	1065	1172

Sl. No.	Name of the Distt.	2000-2001 (Actual beneficiaries)	2001-2002 (Actual beneficiaries)	2002-2003 (Anticipated beneficiaries)
12.	Ananthapur	2991	2568	2825
13.	Kurnool	1006	1808	1989
14.	Mahbubnagar	2203	2321	2553
15.	Nalgonda	4032	3890	4279
16.	Medak	1193	1453	1598
17.	Hyderabad	835	1146	1261
18.	Rangareddy	3736	3638	4002
19.	Warangal	3945	3388	3727
20.	Karimnagar	960	1253	1378
21.	Khammam	6255	5798	6378
22.	Nizamabad	574	923	1015
23.	Adilabad	2909	2926	3219
	TOTAL	**52315**	**55138**	**60652**

Fraud ST reservation by Tibetan nationals

2833. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some Tibetan nationals have obtained employment in Government sector by taking advantage of the reservation policy of SC/ST, falsely declaring themselves as ST Indian nationals and have thus enjoyed admissions in schools and obtained Government services on a regular and not under *ad hoc* basis;

(b) if so, the number of such instances which have come to Government's notice; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to punish such persons?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) Only three cases of this nature have come to the notice of the Central Tibetan Schools Administration (CTSA) out of which allegations in two